

**FARM ORCHARD AND GARDEN**  
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A piece of zinc thrown on a bright fire will clean the soot out of stove-pipe and chimney.

The hens relish green food of some sort and will amply repay you for the trouble of chopping up cabbage, potato peelings, turnips, etc.

Hens have to have a rest spell some time during the year, from which it follows that if they lay heavily during the spring and summer they are likely to take a layoff during the winter.

A pail or tub of water placed in the cellar will serve as a protection to the vegetables on cold nights, as the water, being more susceptible to cold than anything else, will be the first to freeze.

The value of the farm crops raised in the United States in the year just closed reached the huge total of \$6,137,000,000, an amount far in excess of the value of the crops for any previous year.

The corn crop for the past year broke all previous records for both total yield and value of crop. The number of bushels produced was 3,169,000,000, while the value of the crop is estimated at \$1,750,000,000.

The Christmas cactus gives a profusion of bright colored and attractive bloom at a time of year when the common house plants are usually taking a rest and before the bulbs have come into bloom to any extent.

If the strawberry bed has not been given a coating of straw or cornstalks the job should be attended to at once, for serious damage is likely to result in the coming weeks if it is left exposed to the thawing and freezing of the midwinter days.

Don't for the sake of the dollar or two that his work may mean encourage the boy to stay out of school. He will need all the education he can get and then some. School days come but once, and he should be encouraged to make the most of them.

The very open winter season preceding Christmas week was of inestimable value to the farmers who were late in getting their cornhusking out of the way and to the stock, which ranged the fields and pastures and required little additional feed and care.

Fasten a piece of beef suet out in the tree near the house for the nut-hatches, chickadees and other brave little feathered friends that remain in the north after the robin, meadow lark and thrush have departed for their warmer haunts in the south.

A lady friend is worrying quite a bit about her increase in weight. She is now plump and weighs 150 pounds. This good woman does not need to worry or take any anti-fat dope. All she needs to do is to cut out the soup and pastry courses and she will be saved from the humiliation which she fears.

It is claimed for the Indian Runner ducks that they will lay more eggs in a year than the Leghorns, while young ducklings grow four times as fast as young chickens. Another point that might be mentioned in favor of the ducks is that they are not as subject to disease as chickens, nor are they bothered with lice and mites.

If the national and international egg laying contests that have been and are being conducted accomplish nothing else they will be well worth while, because they are bound to attract attention to the hen that delivers the goods—fills the egg basket—rather than to the high scoring fowls of the poultry shows, many of which look fine, but all too often neither "toil nor spin."

A very proper notion of the importance of the dairy cow as a factor in the production of national wealth is to be had from Secretary Wilson's annual report, recently issued. This shows that the combined value of dairy products for the year 1912 was \$830,000,000, an amount which exceeds the value of the cotton lint and is nearly equal to the combined value of both lint and seed.

As a result of experiments in the growing of sugar beets which have been carried on the island of Java at an altitude of 2,000 feet it has been found that the beets produced are not only larger than those grown in Germany, but their sugar content is considerably larger, with the result that on the average the yield of sugar per acre would be nearly two and a half times that which is customary in other countries. It is likely that the conditions for beet culture would be equally favorable in the Philippines.

Keepers of bees and those wishing to take up the work will be interested in farmers' bulletin No. 503 on "Comb Honey," lately issued by the department of agriculture at Washington. It may be had free of charge by writing to the department for it.

The Holland farmer carries on dairying on land worth from \$600 to \$800 per acre and makes money at it. In too many instances the American farmer is shinning along on bare ground on land that is worth \$100. The difference is merely in the man and his methods.

It will often be found not only less expensive, but better for the children of the country school district, to pay for hauling them to a good town school than to pay for a teacher and fuel in order to keep the district school open. This is especially true if the number of pupils in the district is small.

A perfect dish of oatmeal, a cereal that is much used, but usually ill cooked, can be prepared by boiling for about fifteen minutes and then stewing away in a fireless cooker overnight. By this process the oatmeal is not only thoroughly cooked, but it also keeps its shape. It is not sloppy porridge, on the one hand; neither is it raw and tough as a piece of india rubber.

In sections where the winter precipitation is heavy in the form of rain or snow and the winters are not so severe as to make a cover crop in the orchard advisable for the purpose of catching and holding the snow, plowing in the fall is recommended for the purpose of enabling the soil to the better hold moisture, which in turn tends to prevent washing and gully-ing.

With crops of practically all kinds showing unprecedented yields, with money plentiful, labor employed and political agitation showing practically no effect on industrial projects, an era of prosperity and good times would seem to lie just ahead the like of which has not been experienced in a dozen years. Every man who has two hands may aid in furthering it and should receive a generous share of its benefits.

One of the live subjects of very general interest that are to be discussed at the coming national apple show at Spokane is that of the handling and utilizing of the byproduct—the inferior grades of apples which cannot be boxed and marketed. This is a mighty live proposition, and until some satisfactory solution is offered there is bound to be a big leak on a host of ranches in the west, where a high standard of fruit for packing is insisted upon.

The high quality of fruit packed by several noted western fruit growers' associations is the better understood when one is on the ground and sees the amount and quality of the fruit that is discarded for one reason or another. The fancy box fruit is the result of much pains in caring for trees and fruit from blossom to picking time and of a rigid selection when it is packed. The fancy price received is simply the result of the law of cause and effect. It doesn't come by chance.

If ever there was a husking season when the crop was calculated to tax human capacity and ingenuity to get it under cover before heavy snows, it is the one just begun. The total crop of the country is put at 3,000,000,000 bushels, while individual farmers who thought they were going to have fifty or sixty bushels per acre are confronted with a yield of eighty or ninety. The corn picker has been perfected so that it does very satisfactory work, and a lot of them will have to be pressed into service to handle the crop.

That was a considerate as well as level headed housewife who rewarded the girl who had been working for her with a birthday party as an evidence of her appreciation of the fact that the latter had done her work well and faithfully and had been kind to the children. If more of this spirit were manifested by other mistresses of households there would be a lot less trouble in the matter of securing female help in the home and a good many less ads. in the weekly and daily papers under the heading "Girl Wanted."

Under the terms of the plant quarantine act passed by congress the past summer an embargo has been placed on the importation of potatoes from Newfoundland and several European countries in order to prevent the introduction of the potato canker or black scab. The importation of potatoes during the fiscal year closing June 30, 1912, from the countries affected by this order totaled 12,855,719 bushels and valued at more than \$8,000,000. It is fortunate for the American consumer that this order comes at a time when there is an abundant crop of the tubers.

The residents of one Ohio town have got the right idea about squelching a monopoly. Recently the egg dealers of the place decided that they would force up the price of eggs. The result was the formation of a boycott against eggs in any form which was entered into by the 40,000 inhabitants of the city. At last reports eggs were about where they had been and these protestants were still eating beef and making their cakes of shortening, flour and sugar. To be effective this boycott should spread until it covered a considerable part of the country. There would be things doing then, and no mistake.

# NEW TALES THAT ARE TOLD

## A Midpacific Transfer.

Jack Grace, the veteran boxer and globe trotter, likes to tell stories about himself and retails one wherein Honolulu proves to have offered him a welcome unaware.

"I had been stopping in Honolulu with the Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures and decided that I wanted to go to Yokohama. I knew the chief engineer on the Manchuria, which was due in port in a couple of days, and I thought I would save \$200 fare by riding with him.

"When the ship came into port he told me that I could have the second engineer's cabin.

"Stay inside a couple of days and then come out and mix with the passengers. There are about 300 on board," he told me, "and I do not think you will have any trouble."

"I followed his instructions, and after the second day I came out from hiding. We were within a few days of



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Japan and I was regaling a bunch in the smoking room with some stories when a company checker looked at me closely and asked:

"Say, who are you?" "I did not know him, so proceeded to tell of my experiences and relate what a good friend I had in the chief engineer. Hiding the rods is hard work, I told him, but traveling first cabin on these transpacific liners is a pipe.

"The checker left without explaining his official position, but I noticed about three hours afterward that the ship slowed down. I also saw that the Mongolia, a sister ship on the same line, was passing us and also getting ready to stop. Well, they only gave me time to grab up my press book, that other shirt and an old pair of boxing gloves I was carrying, when they transferred me to the other ship.

"Going back? Say, did you ever holy-stone a deck?"

## KEEPING UP THE INCOME SOURCE.

### Shrewd Financial Operation of an Embryo Jurist.

They tell this story of—or, more strictly speaking, on—William R. Day, before, as associate justice of the United States supreme court, he became the man who, it might be said, raised old Harry with the Harriman lines. Back on the Day farm in Canton, Ohio, there were too many rats for the comfort and peace of mind of the Day household.

Mr. Day accordingly called his young hopeful, William, who is now a federal judge in northern Ohio, to him, and offered the handsome reward of 5 cents for every rat young William caught, snared, poisoned, chloroformed or otherwise removed from the premises.

Young William harvested \$2 worth of rodents before he discovered that in his excess of zeal he had completely rid the old farm of his most profitable means of support, wherefore young William proceeded to the leading animal store of Canton and returned home with a flock of pet white rats, which he turned loose in his father's spacious library.

### Chinese Logic.

Bishop M. S. Lewis of Foochow, urging recognition of the Chinese republic at a luncheon at the Union League in Philadelphia, told a little story illustrative of Chinese unwieldiness.

"A gentleman," he said, "entered a Chinese shop to purchase tea. He found to his amazement that five pounds of a certain tea cost \$2.50, while ten pounds of the same brand cost \$7.50.

"The gentleman ridiculed these illogical prices, but the shopkeeper, on the contrary, insisted that he was acting in a perfectly logical way. As he put it: 'More buy, more rich; more rich, more can pay.'"

## Twenty-third Annual Statement of the WAYNE COUNTY FARMERS' MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.

of Wayne County, Penna.  
 Amount of Insurance Dec. 31, 1912 \$4,476,607.00  
 Amount of Premium notes Dec. 31, 1912 179,064.00

Receipts.	
Cash in banks, Jan. 1, 1913	8,751.00
Cash received on applications	602.17
Cash received on Assessments	14,025.06
Cash money borrowed	6,500.00
Cash interest from Savings bank	140.79
Cash from other sources	6.50
	30,025.52

### Expenditures.

Paid for the following losses from September 1, 1911, to September 1, 1912:

E. L. Chapman, furniture damaged by fire	2.70
Joseph E. Edsall, house damaged by fire	4.00
A. E. Rude, house damaged by fire	6.40
O. M. Baker, house damaged by fire	6.40
H. Brinning, house and furniture damaged by fire	25.00
Wallace Lynn, barn and contents burned	193.75
Mary A. Owens, household goods damaged by fire	3.00
Orville Bronson, barn and contents burned	450.00
Silas Dexter barn and contents burned	841.40
Jacob Racht, Jr., house and furniture damaged by fire	10.00
S. S. Olmstead, barn burned	82.35
Frank Chapman, house and contents burned	800.00
Andrew Racht, house damaged by fire	5.55
Wm. C. Elliot, house damaged by fire	10.00
L. Brinkerman house damaged by fire	5.00
Mrs. A. L. Kingsbury, house damaged by fire	19.50
D. W. Griffith, house burned	600.00
C. F. Bullock, house and furniture damaged by fire	56.80
J. L. Noble, house damaged by fire	2.90
Chas. Migenerly, house damaged by fire	5.00
Tewksbury and Son, house and contents burned	352.33
S. T. Jay, house and contents burned	900.00
E. B. Wells, Est., barn damaged by lightning	10.00
A. B. Lobez, barn damaged by lightning	25.00
Jas. Soden, house damaged by lightning	14.00
H. Heberling, house damaged by fire	2.00
N. L. Wood, barns and contents burned	850.00
John Eldred, barn damaged by lightning	2.00
A. Kittner, barn and contents burned, lightning	400.00
Mrs. J. Harder, barn damaged by lightning	8.00
C. M. Smith, house and contents burned	700.00
Mary Winslow, house damaged by lightning	8.00
Alice Whitney, house and contents burned	550.00
C. I. Hopkins, barn damaged by lightning	5.00
C. M. Pethick, barn and contents burned, lightning	920.00
J. T. Walker, house damaged by lightning	35.00
L. Lovelass est., barn damaged by lightning	39.00
T. J. Roark, barn damaged by lightning	237.00
W. E. Bennett, house damaged by lightning, fire	60.00
Peter Yeko, barn damaged by lightning	20.00
Mark Killam, barn damaged by lightning	5.00
E. K. Curtis est., barn and contents burned	675.00
F. J. Mitler, barn damaged by lightning	5.00
Wm. Watts, barn and contents burned, lightning	900.00
A. Butler, house damaged by lightning	16.00
W. F. Crockenberg, barn damaged by lightning	6.00
R. E. Pomeroy, barn damaged by lightning	5.00
A. Branning, barn damaged by lightning	5.00
Chas. Smith, barn damaged by lightning	10.00
M. C. Spangenberg, barn and contents burned by lightning	300.00
M. A. Rutledge, barn burned	300.00
L. B. Kennedy, barn burned	200.00
Mrs. S. Colipalo, house damaged by fire	8.65
Chas. Meginery barn damaged by lightning	6.00
Chester Holgate, barn damaged by lightning	10.00
J. P. McKenna, barn damaged by lightning	6.00
Th s. Kegan, Jr., barn damaged by lightning	2.00
	\$ 10,726.83
Paid for losses since Sept. 1st, 1912	1,969.37
	\$ 12,696.20

Borrowed money and interest paid	
	6,510.80
Stationery	\$ 19,206.20
Telephone	11.25
Rent of office	24.30
Postage	78.00
Printing and calanders	154.07
Incidentals	136.49
	18.81
	19,629.12

Assets.	
Cash in treasury	8,751.00
Cash in hands of agents	62.55
Assessments in course of collection	346.42
Office furniture	200.00
Premium notes in force	179,064.00
	188,424.27
Liabilities	1,400.00
Assets in excess of liabilities	187,024.27

H. C. JACKSON, President.  
 PERRY A. CLARK, Sec'y.

## HUMOROUS QUIPS

### The Passage of Time.

He met her where green branches hung in graceful curves above. When he was ardent, slim and young And there declared his love. But she, more worldly wise than he, Had strength to answer no. Accused of heartless cruelty, She kindly bade him go.

Poor stricken boy! He went away With anger in his breast. She knew that he would learn some day And know that she knew best. He thought that he could love no more, But she remained serene. At that time she was twenty-four And he was seventeen.

Today he knows that she was right. With others to adore His laugh is gay, his heart is light. He cares for her no more. She often sighs, remembering His earnest, boyish vow. His earnest, boyish vow. What changes passing seasons bring— She's his stepmother now! —Chicago Record-Herald.

### Child of Prosperity.

A true tale is told of an old man who had attained prosperity. Having built himself a new house, he declared that it was not going to be a mere place to live in, but was going to have all the "frills." Anyway he had an electric bell fitted, then a distinct novelty to the neighborhood. One Sunday afternoon Joe Briggs, a neighbor, called. It was hot weather, and all the windows were open, but the front door was shut. Joe knocked timidly, but the farmer took no heed. Joe knocked again, louder. Still no reply. Joe grew restive and knocked again with force. Still the owner of the mansion remained tranquil. Joe stood puzzled and offended, for he knew the folks were at home. Once more he tried—a loud, continued knock that resounded over the entire place, whereupon the nettled owner yelled: "Ring the doorbell, confound ye! Don't ye know nothin'?"—Weekly Telegraph.

### One on Him.

An elderly suburbanite, who prides himself upon his methodical habits, was showing to an overnight guest a particularly handsome chiming clock. It was 10:30 o'clock, and the host proceeded to wind up the timepiece. "For thirty-five years," said he, "I have never missed a night winding up this clock at 10:30 o'clock." The guest, who happened to be a jeweler, examined the clock closely, and a quizzical smile overspread his face. "What's funny?" inquired the householder. "Why," said the visitor, "I was trying to figure out how much time you have wasted. This is an eight day clock."—Newark Star.

### To Memory Dear.

Touched by his sad story, a Harrisburg woman recently furnished a meal to a melancholy looking hobo, who had applied therefor at the back door. "Why do you stick out the middle finger of your left hand so straight while you are eating?" asked the compassionate woman. "Was it ever broken?" "No, mum," answered the hobo, with a sniffle. "But during my halcyon days I wore a diamond ring on that finger, and old habits are hard to break, mum."—Independent.

### The Heckler.

"Stump speaking is the hardest work in the world," said Senator Beveridge. "It is especially hard," he continued, smiling, "when there are hecklers in the audience. "A friend of mine the other day was getting on famously in a stump speech. "Gentlemen," he shouted, "a man is known by his works." "And he paused impressively. But a heckler took advantage of the pause to yell: "Then yours must be gas works."

### Memoranda.

Professor—It was by the inscription on this colossal obelisk that we succeeded in positively identifying the mummy Ramesses I. Uncle Henry—I suppose all that Chinese rignarole on there was his memoranda of the size of his socks, his watch number, whom to notify in case of death and such truck.—Post.

### Bachelors, Take Warning!

Hobbs—Allenists say that single men are much more liable to insanity than married. Dobbs—Sure they are! Single men are always in danger of going crazy over some woman.—Boston Transcript.

## For Sale Large Dairy and Hay Farm

### GOOD SUMMER RESORT.

The Buy-U-A-Home Realty Company has just listed one of the finest and best-known farms in Wayne county. It is located in the heart of the summer boarding business, in Wayne's highlands. The property consists of 325 acres and is well watered both by creeks and springs. A most beautiful natural lake, consisting of 15 acres, is one of the attractive sheets of water in Preston township. Ideal for the location of summer cottages. The farm is 2 1/2 miles from the Lakewood station on the Ontario & Western railroad, three miles from Poyntelle on the same road and two miles from Como. Of the 325 acres 275 are under good state of cultivation, consisting of meadows, plow ground and well-watered pasture fields. The balance are in maple, beech and birch timber. This farm is especially adapted to raising hay and for dairying.

There are four dwellings and cottages upon the premises. Dwelling No. 1 will accommodate from 40 to 50 guests. Near this house is a never-falling spring for domestic use. The second cottage contains nine rooms. Good water. Small barn near house. Home No. 3 is a very good seven-room cottage furnished with water by one of the best springs in Wayne county. Cottage No. 4 is near beautiful natural spring lake, which consists of about 15 acres. The above mentioned places are located in an ideal summer boarding district visited every year by boarders from Philadelphia, New York, Scranton and other cities. Other cottages could be built on the border of this lake.

Situated upon the premises is a laundry, coal and wood house combined, size 20x60 feet. The second floor is equipped for holding entertainments, etc.

The barns are as follows: Horse barn 26x56 feet, with running water; hay barn 26x36, with two cow sheds attached 20x50 feet. One building with scales and wagon house with underground stable for cows. One good blacksmith and carriage shop, with second story for storage. Chicken houses, capacity for 200. Barn No. 4 situated near House No. 3, size 30x40 feet, two sheds for cattle, with good spring water. Two other hay barns, size 26x36 feet, and 18x20 feet.

There are three apple orchards on the farm and a small fruit orchard. The property will be sold for a reasonable consideration and upon easy terms.

Consult Buy-U-A-Home Realty Co., Box 52, Jadwin Building, Honesdale, Pa.

## HERE IS A BARGAIN

Located in Berlin township about 3 1/2 miles from Honesdale is one of the best farms in that locality. It consists of 108 acres, which is all improved. The soil is sand loam and red shale. It is well watered by springs; orchard. Twelve-room house, barn 37x47 feet with shed 22x90 feet. Part cash, balance on easy terms. See

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